

Local Baker Meets Sister After 42 Years

Forty-two years ago a little seven-year-old girl entered a hospital in Omaha, Neb., for eye treatment.

That was the last her brother, William Whitney, well-known local baker, saw of her until last Sunday.

Their reunion resulted from a strange set of circumstances occurring April 10 at a meeting of the Torrance Masonic lodge. On that night, "Bill" Whitney courteously offered to move over a seat or two so that a visitor to the lodge might sit with some friends.

The visitor and Whitney exchanged conversation generalities until the lodge guest mentioned that he formerly lived in Wichita, Kans. That is Whitney's old hometown and, as two ex-Midwesterners do, they began a mutual check in search of mutual acquaintances.

One old-timer's name led to another until Whitney was amazed to learn that his sister, now married and mother of a family, was living in Chula Vista. He also was informed as to the whereabouts of an aunt who had raised his sister, an uncle and a nephew—all right here in Southern California!

The visitor who gave him this welcome information carried word back to Whitney's kinfolk that he had discovered the local baker and that a reunion was scheduled as soon as the Torrance man could get away from his oven.

That reunion occurred in three parts in Glendale and Los Angeles—but the one with his sister, now Mrs. Edna McGarratt of Chula Vista was the most important. Of course they did not recognize each other but she remembered that "Willie," then 21, gave her a blue ring and some bananas when she entered the Omaha hospital 42 years ago!

Indians Feature Walteria Program

To the rhythmic beat of tom-toms, Chief Lightning, three of his braves and the Princesses White Dawn and Walkinac presented a dramatic interpretation of Indian folk lore, ceremonial dances and sign language at the community program staged in Walteria last Friday night.

The gathering was under the auspices of the Walteria Promotional and Entertainment Guild.

Chief Lightning and the two women were from Signal Hill while Braves White Wolf and Thunderbird hall from Long Beach and Brave Little Pine lives in Rosemead. Other entertainers were Miss Elyda Dougherty, Van Nuys, who sang, accompanied by E. R. Dawson of Walteria on his guitar; A. W. Lambreger, Leimata, violin; B. Tuttle, banjo, and Dawson, guitar, in old-time musical numbers, and piano solos by George Hansen of Manhattan Beach.

Ninety minutes of dancing brought the evening to a close. George Hansen was at the piano while Nick Sicho manned the drums, and Howard Pritchard played the saxophone for this part of the entertainment.

Inglewood Backs Effort to Help Alondra Park

Inglewood has joined the group of chambers of commerce and cities who are supporting the plea for aid for Alondra Park in the new county budget.

The supervisors are being requested to set aside funds to relieve the heavy debt burden.

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SECTION B

Officer Stops Woman from Suicidal Plunge Over Cliff

PASADENAN IS SAVED FROM DEATH BY ASHTON

Postmen claim that stories to the effect that they go for a walk on their days off are erroneous.

Steelworkers deny that they get a kick out of fabricating metal into household gadgets on Sundays.

And bus drivers hoot at claims that they enjoy nothing better than a long drive in their personal cars on leisure days.

But Sergeant Ernest Ashton, whose police duties have cast him in the role of a rescuer a number of times, doesn't mind mixing business with pleasure on his day off.

Because of his alertness last Friday a Pasadena woman who attempted to hurl herself over the 150-foot cliffs of Lunada Bay in the Palos Verdes hills is alive today and wondering why she ever thought of such a rash act.

Fights Rescuer

Refusing to name the woman who was safely returned to her home, Ashton merely reported that he saw her start from her car toward the cliff as he drove past on a trip thru the hills enroute to San Pedro. Something in her actions warned him of her intent and he stopped his car.

"She walked to the brink of the cliff, stood there for a moment with the wind whipping about her heavy coat," the officer said. "Then she walked back to her car, took off the coat and started again for the cliff. I was certain there was something wrong then because that wind was cold."

Ashton ran up and grabbed the woman within a foot of the cliff edge. In his rush and because the woman fought to fling herself over the embankment, Ashton fell and nearly tumbled over the precipice himself. The hysterical woman gave him a good battle, he reported, before he could force her to return to her car.

With the help of two youths halted in a passing car, the sheriff's office was notified and assisted in taking the woman to her home in Pasadena, where she reported she had a change of heart and promised to stay away from the ocean cliffs hereafter.

Contents of Food Truck Dumped In Alley Collision

Tamales, ice cream pies dotted the alley intersection near the postoffice, Herald building and new theatre in colorful splashes last Saturday morning, when a food truck, driven north by Bruce Greenwood, Los Angeles and a sedan going east with Bob Ferry of 1502 Post avenue at the wheel collided. The truck was turned over, spilling its edible contents but neither driver was hurt.

Child Runs Into Street; Hit by Car

Four-year-old Diana Downing of 732 Border avenue suffered a bad shock and minor scratches on her back Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock when she ran into a car being driven north on her home street by Earl Var Valkenborg of 638 Sartori avenue.

The motorist told police he noticed several children playing in the 700 block and tried to prevent the accident by speeding up when the child ran into the artery without looking. Little Diana ran into the rear fender, he said. Van Valkenborg rushed the girl and her mother to a physician's office for an examination and treatment.

Artist Has Painting at N. Y. Fair

Miss A. Katherine Skeele, artist who painted the large mural at the high school library, has had one of her works, "Eagle Dancer," selected for exhibition at the New York world's fair, according to her friend, Miss Ada Chase of the high school faculty. Miss Skeele is also exhibiting her "Woman of Taos" at San Diego this summer.

Miss Chase and the artist spent the Easter vacation together at Laguna Beach. The local instructor and the Torrance Art club attended the dinner at Gardens last week that was held to open the annual Gardens high school art exhibit.

Plans are well under way for Torrance High School Alumni homecoming and dance. The homecoming will be held at the high school Friday, June 16, and the dance is scheduled at Hollywood Riviera clubhouse Saturday night, June 17. This will be a semi-formal affair and old grads are advised to put the date on their calendars and bring their friends. The cooperation of all the Alumni is needed to make these affairs successful.

After attending the play, "Meet the Duchess," last Thursday evening we are more convinced than ever that we have a good many talented grads. Why don't you alumni follow in the footsteps of Virginia McNally, Jeanette Mikeson, Lucille Stroh, Louis Murray, and Dale Howe, and turn out in the plays sponsored by the Community Players? Congratulations you five—you represented your Alma Mater well.

We welcome home this week Philip Jensen, past student body president of Torrance high school and a graduate of the class of '36. Phil is training in the California Nautical School and is studying aboard the U.S.S. California State. He is visiting at the home of his parents on Amnola.

Lucille Thompson, a graduate of the class of '33, has chosen April 30 as the date for her marriage to George Brennenstahl. The wedding is to take place at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Tepper, nee Veronica McNeil, welcomed the arrival of an eight pound baby boy born March 23. The name chosen for the young offspring was Richard Lee. Mrs. Tepper graduated with the class of '31.

Don't forget to send in your alumni news to the Alumni Editor, c/o Torrance High School.

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NINETEEN "SUPER-SALESMEN" . . . In this grinning group of Torrance Herald carriers are future politicians, doctors, lawyers, merchants and what-not. But right now they have but one common objective: To earn vacation money offered by The Herald in a Carriers' Subscription Contest from last Saturday, April 15, to May 15.

All but three of the boys who deliver our Herald and Tri-City Shopping News weekly are pictured above. They are a lively team to you in advance of their combined effort to work for their young group in the city.

Under the direction of W. B. Woolldridge, Herald circulation manager, the boys who deliver our paper, rain or shine, every week have been undergoing a business training that makes each one responsible for the service on his route. They have been carefully selected from scores of applicants and The Herald is proud to have them as its "contact men" with its readers.

The service training and careful checks maintained by Woolldridge have reduced the number of "skips" to a minimum each week as the boys perform their duties faithfully.

Herald's Junior Staff Salesmen Turn Salesmen for Vacation Cash

Believing that boys as well as men would rather earn money than have it given to them in the form of a gift or charity, The Herald this week launches a Carriers' Subscription Contest among its 23 wide-awake junior representatives.

For one month, from April 15 to May 15, they will canvass the city and vicinity in a vigorous effort to win cash prizes and commissions.

The carrier boy who amasses the most points during the contest will receive a first prize of \$10. Second prize will be \$6 and third, \$3. Twenty-five percent commission on subscriptions will be paid to all non-prize winners.

Winners will be decided by the number of points earned. A one-year \$2 paid-in-advance subscription will net a carrier boy 10 points, a six-month \$1 paid-in-advance subscription, five points, and a three-month \$0.50 paid-in-advance subscription, three points.

Receive Business Training

Each carrier will be allowed to solicit subscriptions any place—there will be no assigned territories. The Herald requests residents to accord the junior sales-

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Woman Faces Forgery Charge

Mrs. Emma V. Dixon, 34, of 1004 West 23rd street, near Torrance, was reported held in jail at San Pedro late last week while Federal officers sought a complaint charging forgery in connection with the cashing of a \$15 money order at the Wilmington postoffice.

Mrs. Dixon was arrested at that place last Friday by detectives. The money order was alleged to have been stolen several months ago from Jack Cavanaugh, described by police as a Wilmington longshoreman.

The officers said Cavanaugh had expected to receive the money order in the mail and when it failed to arrive he notified postal authorities who discovered that the order had been cashed. They stated a postal clerk identified Mrs. Dixon as the person who cashed the order.

Harbor City Cannery Sale Announced

Property and equipment of the pioneer Harbor City Food Corporation tomato cannery at 29911 Belleport avenue was offered for sale in the Los Angeles courtroom of Samuel W. McNabb, referee in bankruptcy, according to legal notices published by the receiver, William I. Heffron.

Assessed and inventoried at \$15,688.74 were listed for the sale, including five parcels of land and approximately 10,000 in machinery and office equipment. The plant has been operated by Sebastian, Anthony and Stephen Trusso, members of the family which established the cannery nearly 20 years ago.

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Woolldridge Herald Circulation Mgr. Writes

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